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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
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Re: Pedestrian Safety Town Hall – follow up

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Community Board 4 (CB4) thanks the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the numerous safety improvements brought to our neighborhood over the last 18 months. Unfortunately, the situation was so dire to start, that much still needs to be done. CB4 requests an update on the remaining 14 key safety issues identified both during the Pedestrian Safety Town Hall in May 2008 and in various letters to your office.

In Chelsea, seven projects have rendered the area much safer for the large population of seniors in and around Penn South and revived the Gansevoort area. In Hell's Kitchen, three projects have made three dangerous intersections safer. We are grateful for such improvements. The outstanding requests listed in the attachment, concern intersections that have experienced 14 fatalities and 463 injuries since 1995. Seven of those locations are within 500 ft of a school.

We appreciate that the Hell's Kitchen study may address many of these requests when it will conclude, but with so many lives at risk, our community cannot wait any longer. We need your continued assistance to improve pedestrian safety in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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